



**"In the breeze
of the night –
Almighty dwells
in the garden"**

Gardens which rely on autumn foliage and berries for colour at this time of year will be at their peak; however if your garden is a little dull, then now is the time to visit us at Lifestyle to brighten up your garden with some autumn colour! Plants like: Nandina domestica, Viburnum opulus, Conteaster, Red hot poker, Aloes and Pyracanthus. Creepers such as: - Golden shower and Thunbergia.



Remember the wild life in the garden as food is scarce in winter! Plant shrubs rich in nectar like: Wild dagga, Halleria and Aloes. Any scrapes from the kitchen table will be most welcome.

Apply insecticide granules to all Conifers now through to September.

Italian Parsley contains a very high percentage of vitamins A and C it is also an immune booster and an antioxidant. A tea made from the leaves will lift your spirits and boost your overall system.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Date: 5th June 2010
Time: 1:30 for 2:00
Venue: Lifestyle Lecture Hall
Topic: Winter in the garden and Islamic gardens
Speaker: Colin Thompson

Winter jobs to keep you warm



Chores!

- Remove any remaining runners from strawberry plants so that all the goodness can flow into the mother plant which will produce fruit early in summer.
- Make a final sowing of broad beans before the end of May, to get the maximum of winter sunshine – plant in rows running from North to South. To intensify the blue of hydrangeas next season dust the soil around the plant with 'flowers of sulphur' or you may use pine needles or tea bags.
- Climbers that grow on overhead supports can become very heavy; it is a good idea to cut them back at this time of year and then make the necessary repairs to support.
- Old crowded clumps of Agapanthus and Lilies can be lifted and divided, now.
- Change the setting on your automated watering system to accommodate the different temperatures during autumn and winter.

If you are pruning a hedge this winter, prune narrower at the top than at the base, to allow the sunlight reach the base of the hedge.

In doors

- Watch out for mealy bug on most indoors plants.
- Provide a moist atmosphere for pot plants growing in rooms that are heated.

- To add some colour to your home this winter, place a few pots of cyclamens in your windowsill.
- During the winter water plants with luke warm water (not cold).



June is a good time of the year to add Poppies to the winter garden.

Autumn

Autumn is nature's planting season and there can be no better tutor than Mother Nature herself! Many plants have seeds that mature and disperse during the autumn months where they land they germinate and ensure the continuation of the species. If autumn were not the best planting time then surely Mother Nature would not have allowed her progeny to continue.